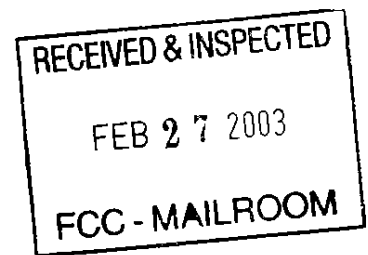




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Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445-12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: CC Docket No. 96-45 and 97-21
E-rate Funding Request Number 884035
471 Application Number 328302
Billed Entity Number 60362

Dear Sir or Madam:

I filed the above referenced Form 471 regarding E-rate discount available to schools. In this Form 471, I made an error that caused our funding to be denied. I have enclosed a copy of my Letter of Appeal to the SLD. They denied my appeal on the Administrator's Decision on Appeal – Funding Year 2002-2003 letter of which I've also enclosed a copy. They notified me that I could appeal their decision directly with the FCC.

In the denial of my appeal, the SLD indicated that the establishing Form 470 application number I gave them did not match my answer to Block 5 Item 15 of month-to-month services and was therefore denied. They have told me that corrections cannot be made to the information provided on the Form 471 by the applicant. Adjustments can only be made by the SLD to correct SLD errors.

As I stated in my appeal, this was my first year in filling out these forms and I had no copies of previous forms to use as a basis for my work. Though I have asked a couple people that I have spoken to at the SLD to please send me copies of previously filed forms, I have not received anything. We are on a five-year contract with McLeod USA as my appeal stated and I included a copy of the contract. My answer of month-to-month was incorrect. I believe if I had answered this question correctly to begin with, the Form 471 would have been approved.

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It is really difficult for me to believe that corrections by the applicant are not allowed to the Form 471. Perhaps it would be more believable if corrections were not allowed by either party, but to allow only one party (SLD) to make corrections doesn't make any sense. Even the IRS has a process to allow a party to correct a previously filed incorrect form.

I would appreciate your reviewing the enclosed copies of the appeal and the denial and making a ruling on this case. Please contact me if you need any further information. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carey Jones".

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